

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 PARIS 07278 01 OF 02 281813Z
ACTION EB-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 DODE-00 NSAE-00 USIA-06
TRSE-00 SOE-02 DOE-11 CIAE-00 COME-00 /040 W
-----065040 281842Z /41
R 281734Z FEB 78
FM AMEMBASSY PARIS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7871

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 01 OF 02 PARIS 07278

USOECD

EXCON

EB FOR KATZ; COMMERCE FOR WEIL; DEFENSE/ISA FOR
MCGIFFERT

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: ESTC, COCOM
SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXPORT OF AERONAUTIC PRESSES TO
THE SOVIET UNION

REF: A. STATE 40611; B. STATE 49619

1. AS EDAC AGENCIES ARE AWARE I HAVE BEEN CONCERNED
BY THE IMPLICATIONS OF REQUESTING COCOM TO AUTHORIZE
SHIPMENT OF EQUIPMENT WHICH IN OUR OWN TERMS WOULD
ENHANCE SOVIET CAPABILITY TO PRODUCE MILITARY AIRCRAFT,
ON THE SOLE GROUNDS THAT THE FRENCH ARE SHIPPING
ESSENTIALLY THE SAME EQUIPMENT WITHOUT COCOM APPROVAL.

2. THE CHANGES (REF B) MADE IN THE ORIGINAL
INSTRUCTION (REF A) IMPROVED THE PRESENTATION OF
THIS CASE BOTH BY DELETING THE ASSERTION THAT THE
EQUIPMENT WOULD ENHANCE SOVIET MILITARY CAPABILITY
AND BY APPROACHING THE FRENCH CASE A BIT MORE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PARIS 07278 01 OF 02 281813Z

OBLIQUELY.

3. ACCORDINGLY AS INSTRUCTED, US COCOM DEL SUBMITTED
THE REVISED CASE FEBRUARY 27. UNDER COCOM PROCEDURES
IT WILL BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR MARCH 21 MEETING.

4. IN PREPARING FOR THIS DISCUSSION, WE CAN FORESEE

THAT:

THE FRENCH (AFTER WE HAVE POINTED THE FINGER IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION WHICH WE WILL ASSURE WILL BE ASKED) ARE LIKELY SIMPLY TO DENY THAT THEIR EQUIPMENT IS COMPARABLE TO THAT PROPOSED FOR EXPORT BY THE UNITED STATES, OR INDICATE THEIR DISAGREEMENT WITH THE US INTERPRETATION OF IL 1081 (A). THE COMMITTEE IS UNLIKELY TO DEBATE THE FRENCH SALE IN THE ABSENCE OF VERY SPECIFIC INFORMATION BEING PRESENTED.

THE COMMITTEE MIGHT SIMPLY TURN DOWN THE CASE ON THE GROUNDS THAT BY OUR OWN TERMS THE EQUIPMENT IS FOR USE IN THE AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY AND THEREFORE DESTINED FOR A STRATEGIC END USE; THE ALLEGATION THAT THE EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE FROM ANOTHER SOURCE IS NOT SUBSTANTIATED AND IN ANY EVENT IS NOT ONE OF THE RELEVANT FACTORS AGREED UPON BY THE COMMITTEE FOR DETERMINING EXCEPTION REQUESTS.

5. WE WILL OF COURSE SEEK EARLIEST POSSIBLE RESOLUTION OF THE CB CASE BUT AS I UNDERSTAND IT THE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 PARIS 07278 02 OF 02 281750Z
ACTION EB-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 DODE-00 NSAE-00 USIA-06
TRSE-00 SOE-02 DOE-11 CIAE-00 COME-00 /040 W
-----064741 281843Z /41

R 281734Z FEB 78
FM AMEMBASSY PARIS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7872

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 02 OF 02 PARIS 07278

USOEC

BASIC OBJECTIVE OF THE US GOVERNMENT IN COCOM IS TO PREVENT THE EXPORT OF STRATEGIC EQUIPMENT TO THE SOVIET UNION. ACCORDINGLY AND UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY OUR TACTIC IN THE COMMITTEE WILL BE AIMED AT GETTING A THOROUGH TECHNICAL AIRING OF THE

CAPABILITIES AND COMPARABILITY OF THE FRENCH AND AMERICAN PRESSES. AS INDICATED ABOVE, THE FRENCH MAY STONEWALL BUT WE SHOULD AT LEAST BE ABLE TO MAKE CLEAR IN COMMITTEE THAT WE WOULD WELCOME A TECHNICAL DEBATE OVER THE APPLICABILITY OF THE RELEVANT EMBARGO LIST ITEMS AND TRY TO MOVE THE COMMITTEE TO RECOGNIZE THE EXISTENCE OF AMBIGUITY IN THE PROVISIONS WHICH SHOULD BE CLARIFIED.

6. ACCORDINGLY, I INTEND THAT THE US COCOM DEL WILL

STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY ON THE TIMING AND NATURE OF APPROACHES TO THE FRENCH;

PREPARE FOR THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION BY APPROPRIATE BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH OTHER COCOM DELEGATIONS;

PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR THE MOST THOROUGH
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PARIS 07278 02 OF 02 281750Z

TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS. I REQUEST WASHINGTON AGENCIES TO HELP THE DELEGATION IN THIS EFFORT BY PROVIDING INFORMATION AND ARGUMENTS JUSTIFYING THE US INTERPRETATION AND REFUTING THAT OF THE FRENCH.
SALZMAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AERONAUTICS, PRESSES, EXPORT LICENSES, STRATEGIC TRADE CONTROLS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 28 feb 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978PARIS07278
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780092-0412
Format: TEL
From: PARIS USOECD
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t1978023/aaaaacie.tel
Line Count: 146
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 57b6b7d2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 40611, 78 STATE 49619
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3527211
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PROPOSED EXPORT OF AERONAUTIC PRESSES TO THE SOVIET UNION
TAGS: ESTC, COCOM
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/57b6b7d2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014